

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE JANUARY 5, 2016
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 PM.**

Present: Mayor Doll, Trustees Maline, McMullen, Milligan and Tobin, Village Attorney Stuart Besen, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Administrator Tim Brojer, Village Treasurer Len Marchese, Police Chief Bill Ricca

PRESENTATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Mayor asked the clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED: That a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will be held on January 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Northport Village Hall 224 Main Street to consider the 2016-2017 tentative budget.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Maline the public hearing was opened.

The Mayor asked Treasurer Len Marchese to give an overview of the increases and the proposed budget as a whole. Mr. Marchese explained that this is a cost of continuance budget. Over the past ten years village taxes have been raised an average of 3% a year. Most costs that the Village incurs increase roughly 3% a year also. If the Village had chosen not to go beyond the 2% tax cap we would have only been able to raise taxes .55%. We've appropriated some of our reserves, we've limited our spending to the bare minimum while maintaining the services that are essential to the residents.

Trustee Tobin clarified the reserves stating money is from the surplus from the current year's budget and that we were not digging into savings that we have established.

Mayor Doll stated that a couple of weeks ago an article in Newsday proclaimed Northport the number one place to live and visit on Long Island. This budget basically keeps us in that category. There are no discretionary funds allocated in this budget and it's basically what it is to deliver what we have now along with the mandated projects.

Trustee Tobin stated we all agree that this is the lowest budget we could have without cutting services. Every department has worked harder to maintain what we have. There is no fat in this budget.

Trustee Milligan stated that the Village has looked at the services and every department has done what they can to make that service as efficient as possible. We have searched cost savings methods and look into other options.

Trustee McMullen mentioned that over the years because we've had good budgets we've been able to keep our bond rating at AA+. You cannot get any better rating.

Trustee Tobin added that as far as the Comptroller stress test, we are one of the Villages that showed no stress.

Joe Sabia, Cherry Street stated that now that the Village has pierced the tax cap Villages residents will not be getting a rebate. Adding that when you raise taxes past the cost of inflation it starts a slippery slope. People are not getting three percent raises.

Sooner or later it will start to affect them. Mr. Sabia questioned the money stolen from a previous treasurer. Mayor Doll stated its still in court. Trustee Maline stated we are waiting for a decision from Suffolk County Supreme Court. Mr. Sabia asked where the padding was in the budget stating that the school board pads the budget every year.

Trustee Tobin assured Mr. Sabia that the Northport Village Budget has no padding.

Mr. Sabia questioned if all retiree have been paid out. Trustee Tobin stated yes.

Betty Koener, Seaview Ave. questioned the Board if a mother daughter home revert back to a single family once the property changed ownership. The Board responded that if a home is designed two family it stays that when even if the house is sold.

Frank Cavagnaro stated years ago his village tax bill was roughly half of the town tax bill, now they are three quarters. He also sees in his town tax bill roughly 1.5 million dollars going into the Village. He wants to know what that money pays for. He has asked the town but no one can give him a straight answer. He has asked his attorney to get him that information.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Betty Koener, Seaview Ave. stated that hover crafts cause a danger. Trustee Milligan responded that the Village has legislation against unmanned aircraft. Ms. Koener stated that Northport Harbor is the most polluted on the East Coast. Trustee McMullen stated that is not true and her facts are wrong.

Joe Sabia questioned with one of the Villages ambulances being out for repair for the past six months, that repair should be a priority. The Clerk informed the Board and Mr. Sabia that the Fire Department has an agreement with Dix Hills to barrow a rig from them if it becomes necessary.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Maline the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2015/2016 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 32,409.48

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 6,026.60

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$9,660.78

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Trustee Maline reported he had two personnel issue for executive session. Also the parks department is concerned with all the warm weather that the spring bulbs will start to bloom.

Trustee McMullen reported that Brian Bernier has past all his tests and will be able to work at the sewer plant on his own.

Trustee Tobin thanked Treasurer Len Marchese for all his hard work on the budget.

Trustee Milligan reported the recycling schedule is complete and will be going into the mail later this week. Please read it through as it contains a lot of information. Everyone is mandated from the state not to throw electronic in the trash. The Village has created its own drop off area down at Scudder Park, with the hours of Tuesday, Thursday from 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM and on Saturdays from 8:0 AM to 12 noon. He encourage people to recycle and to encourage their neighbor to recycle. Also the Nautical Mile is on tonight's agenda for approval and as they did last year they would like to hold a nautical flea market.

Mayor Doll reported that highway has been busy picking up cardboard and large metal. Also the sweepers has been out, they've been collecting Christmas trees. They've put up new crosswalk signs and are doing tree work with PSEG.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: The department responded to 430calls for assistance issued 158 summonses and made 26 arrests including one for the sale of heroine. The department also made a narcan save. The fireworks from the department standpoint was uneventful.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: nothing to report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business was discussed this evening.

OLD BUSINESS: no old business was discussed this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence.

REQUESTS:

1. Request from Northport Nautical Mile Race to hold race on June 18, 2016 in coordination with the Blessing of the Fleet. The Board approved this request.

RESOLUTIONS:

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016 ~1 APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2015 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the December 15, 2015, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

On the motion of Mayor Doll the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee McMullen ~YES

Mayor Doll ~ YES

Trustee Tobin ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2016 - 2 ~ APPROVAL OF 2016-2017~ BUDGET

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the notice of hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the tentative budget for the fiscal year March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017, as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That there is hereby levied a tax of \$11,670.196. for said fiscal year, to which said budget is applicable upon the last completed assessment roll, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Village Clerk is authorized to extend and carry out upon the tax roll the amount to be collected from each of the persons named thereon.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016– 3 ~ POLLING PLACE AND HOURS OF ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the general election for the Incorporated Village of Northport will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The polling place for each election district shall be the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016 – 4 ~ SALARY INCREASE

BE IT RESOLVED: Village Fire Marshal Douglas Pyne's salary is hereby increased to \$25.00 per hour.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016 – 5 LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2016

WHEREAS: that a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York at 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the 15TH day of December 2015, to consider the following proposed local law:

**LOCAL LAW No. 1 OF 2016
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
CHAPTER 282 VEHICLES & TRAFFIC
SCHEDULE XXI
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016- 6~ INTERMUNICIPAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED: Trustee McMullen and Trustee Milligan are hereby appointed to the Intermunicipal Water Quality Protection Council.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016 -7~ ELECTION INSPECTOR SEARCH

BE IT RESOLVED: the Village hereby extends the search list of qualified elections inspectors to include all of Suffolk County.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-8 ~ GARAGE AT 20 BEACH AVE.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board authorizes the razing of the garage on the property of 20 Beach Ave. Such demolition is necessary to raise the grade and construct a new generator building.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Maline the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016- 9 ~ PROMOTION

BE IT RESOLVED: Effective immediately Brian Bernier is promoted to the position of Sewer Plant Operator I at an annual salary of \$64,750.40 and other conditions of

employment, pursuant to the collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Northport and Local 342, Long Island Public Service Employees.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen Maline and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-10 ~ BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfers; see Schedule "A"

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016- 11 ~ GRANTING THE APPEALS FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF SEWER RENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH IN SCHEDULE "B" ATTACHED.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: if necessary, for personnel and/or litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk

Schedule "A"

1/5/2016

Budget Transfer:

From:	Increase	Amount	
A.3410.0444.0000 FD Substation Exp.	A.3410.0101.0001 Fire Housemen OT	\$1,057.62	Expense Line Overage
A.3410.00424.0000 FD Yearly Inspections	A.3410.0418.0000 FD CONTRACT	\$7,285.16	Expense Line Overage
A.3410.0409.0000 FD MISC.	A.3410.0418.0000 FD CONTRACT	\$481.61	Expense Line Overage
A.5110.0409.000 Highway Misc	A.5110.0200.0000 Highway	\$1,425.99	Expense Line Overage

Equipment			
A.5110.0407.0000 Highway Street Signs	A.5110.0406 Highway Parching & Paving	\$966.97	Expense Line Overage
A.5182.0200.0000 Street Lights Equipment	A.5182.0400.0000 Street Lights Contractor	\$500.00	Expense Line Overage
A.8020.0409.0000 Planning Board Misc.	A.8010.0400.0000 Zoning Board Expenses	\$100.00	Expense Line Overage
A.8020.0400.0000 Planning Board Expenses	A.8010.0400.0000 Zoning Board Expenses	\$85.00	Expense Line Overage
A.1930.0400.0000 Jugements & Claims	A.9015.0825 Police Retirement	\$55,505.00	Expense Line Overage
G.8120.0409.0000 Sewer Line Misc.	G.1380.0400.0000 Sewer Bank Fees	\$34.00	Expense Line Overage

Schedule B

	ORIGINAL	REVISED
Moschella	942.18	896.40

